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THE REHEARSAL.

1. A new *Scandal* rais'd by the *Review* upon a *Prebendary* of the *Cathedral-Church* of *Durham*.
2. A *Party* more *Shameleſs* than he, ſtill Employs him.
3. Three *Reaſons* why no body ought to Believe that *Story*.
4. A *Letter* from a *Prebendary* of *Durham* Confuting it.
5. The *Expos'd* Condition of the *Church* of *England*, not to be equall'd in any *Hiſtory*.
6. She is under the *Perſecution* of the *Tongue* ſeverely, and further *Threatn'd*. The *Biſhop* of *Durham* and his *Clergy* Compar'd with Old *Eli* and his *Sons*.
7. Former *Inſults* upon the *Clergy*, and *Act of Uniformity*.
8. The *Teſt Act* now ſtruck at. What the *Church* has left. *Libera nos*——

WEDNESDAY, *February* 2. 1708.

(1.) *Country-man.* I Wonder, *Maſter*, you have taken no Notice of a late *Review* of the 15 laſt *Month*. Vol. 5. N. 126. which tells a moſt *Scandalous* Story of a *Prebendary* of *Durham*, who came into the *Chapter-Houſe* there, *Curſing* and *Swearing* &c. upon the Election of a *Lecturer* there. The Town is full of it. You cannot go into any *Whigg-Coffee-Houſe* but they have it by Heart, and mix a Dram of it, inſtead of *Brandy*, into their *Tea*, and 'twixt every *Sup* cry, O Rare *Church* of *England*!——— What a fine *Clergy* we have!——— What Delicate *Biſhops*! This will gain the *Diſſenters*!——

(2.) *Rehearſal.* I thought I had Cur'd every one of Common *Senſe* or *Honeſty* to believe one Word that ever ſhou'd come from the *Review* more againſt the *Church* or *Clergy*. I have detected him in ſo many Study'd and Deliberate *Lyes* and *Slanders* of this kind, that I thought my Task was over. But I find the *Party* are not weary of Employing him ſtill as their *Trumpet* of *Scandal* upon the *Clergy*. They are more *Shameleſs* than he!

(3.) When firſt I heard the *Story*, I ſaid I would lay an even Wager it was utterly *Falſe*. 1. Becauſe it came from the *Review*. 2. Becauſe it does not tell well, that a Doctor of *Divinity* and *Prebendary* of a *Cathedral* (eſpecially of *Durham*, which is every where ſaid to be ſo well Regulated, and an *Ornament* to the *Church* of *England*) ſhou'd come into the *Chapter-houſe*, upon a ſerious Occaſion, with ſuch *Rappers* in his Mouth without any Provocation, in Preſence of the *Biſhop* and all his Brethren. And 3dly, becauſe the *Review* tells it with an *Experiment-Aſſurance*, and gives it all the *Airs* of undoubted and moſt certain *Truth*? For then it is that I ſuſpect him moſt, from long Experience! As you may ſee in my *firſt Vol.* N. 101. *May* 4. 1706. And I have found no Cauſe to this Day, to Alter the *Rule* I there ſet down as to believing their *Stories* againſt the *Church* and *Clergy*.

But, *Country-man*, there is a Letter juſt now come to my hands, ſent by a Dr. of *Divinity* and a *Prebendary* of the *Cathedral Church* of *Durham* to his Friend in *London*, Dated *Dur.* Jan. 22. 1708. I will Read it to you.

(4.) " Sr. I queſtion not but you have " ſeen in the *Review*, N. 126. Vol. 5. a " very Scandalous Libel againſt our Socie- " ty in general, but levell'd more particu- " larly at ſome one Member of it, who is " ſo injuriouſly treated by that open Ene- " my to the *Church* and *Clergy*, and if the " World is not miſtaken, to all Sound *Re-* " *ligion*. But which of us ſoever he Meant, " we can fully and juſtly vindicate him " from that Slander. For firſt our *Chapter* " will publickly *Certify*, that the *Corporation* " made no Application to them about a " *Lecturer*, and therefore no ſuch Words " cou'd be Spoken, nor Anſwer made in " our *Chapter*, as he falſely Reports. Se- " condly there hath been a *Lecturer* ſettl'd " at St. *Nicholas*'s about Seven Years ſince, " which is owing to our Body for the Main- " tenance that is ſettl'd upon it. For about " Twenty Years together We all Preach'd

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" in our Turns, or Paid for ſupplying them in our Abſence, till a Competent Sum cou'd be got to lay out in a Purchaſe for a Maintenance, which was about Seven or Eight Years ago. The *Mayor* and *Aldermen* will alſo *Certify* the ſame thing that we do on their part ſo that the Report may be affirm'd to all the World to be a Malicious and Scandalous Lye made on Purpoſe to bring an *Odium* upon the *Church* and *Clergy*, and particularly on Ours.

" That it may pleaſe God to keep you, and Us, and the *Church*, and her whole *Clergy* out of the Hands of ſuch *Wicked* and *Unreaſonable* Men, as I doubt not but it is your Conſtant *Prayer*, ſo I aſſure you, Sir, it is the daily Supplication of

Your faithful Friend and Servant.

POST-SCRIPT.

" The *Certificates* of the *Dean* and *Chapter*, and of the *Mayor* and *Aldermen* are Sign'd, and will be ſent up to my Lord *Biſhop* by this Poſt, to be made Publick, if his *Lordſhip* ſhall think fit.

(5.) *Country-m.* And isn't this fine Work, that the *Biſhop*, the *Dean* and *Chapter*, the *Mayor* and *Aldermen*, ſhou'd all be put to this Trouble to Refute the *Slanders* every day caſt upon them, with the Reſt of the *Church* and *Clergy*, by a Set of Men Employ'd and Supported by the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*, to Wage perpetual *War* upon the *Church*!

Rehearſ. No ſooner one *Lye* is Refuted, but another is *Trumpt* up—— Great part of my *firſt Volume* was Imploy'd in Anſwering theſe *Scandals*. And now we ſee it is Endleſs!

I Challenge all *Hiſtory* to ſhew the like Caſe, of a *Church*, while *Eſtabliſh'd*, ſo *Inſulted* and *Trod* upon, *Openly* and *Avowedly* in *Print*, and the *Authors* known, with their *Names* to their *Scandals*. And no *Remedy*! No, not againſt the moſt Vile *Inſtruments*! May ſhe not take up the *Lamentation* of *Jeruſalem*, and ſay, Judge I pray you and ſee, whether ther was Ever any *Caſe* like my *Caſe*? *Is it nothing to you, all ye that paſs by?*

Country-m. Ay! Ay! She may *Complain* to thoſe that *Paſs by*! But if ſhe ſpeak a Word at *Home*, let her look to her Hits! The *Obſervator* and *Review* will be upon her Bones, and ſay, ſhe Crys the *Church* is in *Danger*! They *Whip* her till ſhe *Cries*, and then *Whip* her for *Crying*!

(6) *Rehearſ.* If the *Perſecution* of the *Tongue* be any *Danger*, or if it is the ſevereſt ſort of *Perſecution*; if it be any *Prejudice* to the *Church* and *Clergy* to be Expos'd *five* times in the *Week* (betwixt the *Obſervator* and *Review*) in the moſt *Scandalous* Manner, and be made the *Jeſt* and *Contempt* of all the *People*; if ſo, then her *Danger* is *Proclaim'd* five times a *week*.

Country-m. This ſame *Review* Compares the Lord *Biſhop* of *Durham* and his *Clergy* to Old *Eli* and his *Sons*. N. 127. The reſt of the Story every body knows. *Eli* broke his *Neck*. His *Sons* were *Slain*. The *Ark* was taken. And the *Philiſtines* came into the Land. This and the following *Review* will give the *Biſhop* an *Action* of *Scandal. Mag.* againſt *De Foe*, who ſets his Name to them.

Rehearſ. Then he runs his Diviſions, the whole Length of his *Rhetorick* upon the *Church* for want of *Diſciplin*. Of which he cannot give a better Proof, then that ſhe muſt ſuffer her to be thus *Inſulted* by him and knows not where to find a *Remedy*!

(7.) *Country-m.* It is long ſince he told her in his 2d. *Vol.* p. 418. *That one Third at leaſt of the Inferiour Clergy in England ought to be Hang'd.* And p. 142. *That three parts in five of them were in a Cloſe Conjunction with the Enemies of the Government.* And then to be ſure they ought to be *Hanged* too! But he is not Content with having them all *Hang'd*, for more may Riſe up in their Place, but he wou'd have the whole *Conſtitution* pull'd in pieces, and all the *Legal* Security of the *Church* taken from her. He ſpends his Rage againſt the *Act of Uniformity*, and calls it, p. 448. *Scandalous to the Church, Injurious to the Publick Peace, and a Grievance to the whole Nation.* This is *Root and Branch Work*! Yet the *Church* muſt ſit down Quietly under all this?

(8.) *Rehearſ.* And now they are Attaking the *Teſt Act*. But they have receiv'd ſome ſmall Rebuke in this. And the *Church* has ſtill Liberty to Pray the *Collect* againſt *Perſecution* at the End of the *Litany*, and to ſay *Good Lord deliver us*, from the Reſtleſs Attempts of our *Enemies*.

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